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Sent: Mon 4/7/2014 11:21:02 PM
Subject: RE: Any training funds for a May 8 water technology conference in Clovis?

Are you saying that you've told them that one of them can go to this May 9 conference?

I agree that these opportunities come up at the last minute and it's difficult to plan for them. If you'd like to discuss sustainability priorities, give me a call.

Among the overall priorities, it seems to me finding an opportunity to visit Fresno would be good, given the prominence of the San Joaquin Valley ag issues from a water conservation perspective. It doesn't sound like Eric or Charlotte have had the chance to gain first hand experience with groups like the Fresno State Blue Valley folks, who I've heard a lot about (from Jared and ORD). This seems like an opportunity to achieve this priority.

That said, if you can't fund it, and I'm going to make a case for WTR-1 funds, I'll need more info from Eric. The link included the conference summary doesn't work for me. I'm out next week, so will need to run this down this week if there's a desire to meet the April 15 registration deadline.

I understand your point about time. Neither Eric nor Charlotte can make the Region's Sustainability meeting on Wednesday, which is disappointing.

Has Eric ever gotten back to you about the AWWA conference in Monterrey?

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That is fine. But I am concerned not only with travel funds, but with time. Charlotte and Eric could participate in good conferences or workshops nearly every day. The travel situation in WTR-4 was eased considerably with the mid-year increase in travel funding, but I still want to make sure we are putting our resources towards our most important activities. One difficulty is that we do not seem to know about these conferences at the beginning of the fiscal year when I plan the office's travel. So I tell them that one of them can go, but I think we need to reexamine our sustainability priorities given all of the recent attention.

Doug

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**To:** Eberhardt, Doug

**Subject:** FW: Any training funds for a May 8 water technology conference in Clovis?

Hi Doug – When I was in SF last week, Eric and Charlotte mentioned their desire to get out more to conferences like this. I suggested that for the time being, when something came up that would be beneficial, that they check first with you, and if your office can't afford it, to next check with me.

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Hi Doug and John,

Here's a description of the conference. It could potentially be a long day trip to cut travel costs, but there is a \$99 registration fee. It looks like it's being coordinated with Fresno State's BlueTech Valley so it could be a good time to meet with them as well. Is there any funding for me and/or Charlotte to go to this?

Thanks, Eric

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